

## Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

### Stevens County Soil and Water Conservation District FY03 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

Erosion control from both wind and water, gully erosion control, stream bank stabilization, water quality improvement, and wildlife habitat, including wetland restorations.

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

No geographic areas or watersheds of special concern were identified during the public input and LWG meeting.

3. Prioritize and weight each local resource concern for the district. Weight must be between 1 and 10:

Factor	Resource Priority	Weight
A1. Erosion Control	high	10
A2 Gully Control	high	8
B1 Water Resource	high	8
B2 Wastewater/CNMP	low	5
C Habitat Improvement	high	8
D Air Quality	medium	5
E Impaired Water	medium	5
F Distance	low	3
G Grazing System	medium	3
H Forest Mgt.	low	1
Additional Local*	no-till planting and cover crop	10

\* If the additional local concern is scored, describe the concern here and how points will be scored. Include any geographic priorities.

The LWG seemed to come to a consensus the two practices, no-till planting (329-A) and cover crop (340) would be good practices for scoring as a local additional concern. These practices would control wind and water erosion, provide a certain amount of snow catch during the winter, improve wildlife habitat food and cover, and improve surface and groundwater quality.

4. Attach the scoring worksheet as recommended for the district.

See attached.

5. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document.

There was no recommendation to remove any conservation practice from the docket. It was recognized that some practices will not be utilized however.

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 03 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

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Chair, Local Work Group

Date